

PRO-GERMANS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LIBERTY BOND PLOT

SECRETARY MCADOO EXPOSES PLOT TO HAMPER SALES BY DRIVING ISSUES BELOW PAR—FORCE MARKETING.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Secretary McAdoo today charged German interests, thru forced sales, with responsibility for disposing of Liberty bonds below par.

To one hundred members of the Liberty Loan Committees from all parts of the country, he said:

"Some persons sell these bonds for malevolent reasons. Investigations I have made recently convince me that the hand of the Kaiser is behind certain sales. Of course, I am not in possession of evidence which would convince a jury of this assertion, but I could convince any fair-minded man of the truth."

"Thoughtless persons who think they have done their duty when they buy the bonds, also sell them. These thoughtless persons can be changed to thoughtful ones. We can not influence the Kaiser's people, but we can put them in the penitentiaries, and I want to see them there, for we must deal relentlessly with all the enemies of America."

Secretary McAdoo said he hopes it will be unnecessary to increase taxes in the next six months, but that the responsibility lays with congress.

Vanderlip Caps Idle Women.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 11.—Frank A. Vanderlip, United States director of war savings, said here today before war savings committees from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia:

"The business men of this country must open their pockets and put patriotism before profits. It would be far better for them to have a receiver for their business during the war than an executor after it."

"The entire responsibility, however, does not rest with the business men. The idle women of this country must awaken. If the idle rich women continue to employ several cooks and waiting maids, they will in all probability be scribbling their own fairs or working in munition factories within the next two years."

"Every bit of labor and material must be conserved if we are to win this war. We must stop buying luxuries; stop employing unnecessary labor; stop buying things for which we have no use."

"This is a war of equipment. Soldiers in the trenches count for much, but equipment counts for more."

DANWAY

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"I will worry you, anyhow."
"Do you really mean it?"
"Yes; a man like your father can easily make another fortune."



A Galley o' Fun!



A CONVENIENCE.

If those sixteenth century ruffs would only come into fashion again what a blessing it would be to the waiters in the Bowery restaurants!

A BALLAD OF OLD DAYS.

Not mine to praise this modern art
That reeks of glue and paint un-
dried.

The offspring of a shrieking mart
Hallowed by gilt and naught beside;
Give me the tender hints that hide
In some old canvas mellowings
As-draped as in her veil the bride—
I sing the grace of faded things.

This face that hid a marquise's heart,
This fan an abbe versified,
One knew the quick blood's thrill and
start.

One bears a Venus azure-eyed;
For this strange gaud a princess
sighed.

(A jeweled Love despoiled of wings);
This snuff-box was a despot's pride—
I sing the grace of faded things!

Veneer and tinsel play their part
These graceless days, and few de-
side;

Our eyes 'mid brazen colors smart—
For gold, not love, our brush is
piled;

Time passes with a giant stride—
Not mine these garish gifts he
brings—

'Midst gold he flung aside I bide—
I sing the grace of faded things!

L'Envoi.

To you, who ere the world was wide,
Served Beauty before queens and
kings;

To you, who wrought and wove and
died,
I sing the grace of faded things!

SNOWSHOEING BY MAIL.

Purchase a strong pair of Indian
made, moosehide-laced snowshoes
from a Connecticut dealer.

The best place to practice on snow-
shoes is at the country club, not in
the barroom. The ideal course is be-
tween the sideboard and the bowling
alley.

With the shoes firmly buckled on
you need not be afraid, as your feet
will always stay on the surface of the
snow regardless of the rest of your
anatomy.

The common snowshoe gait should
be a cross between a trot and a schol-
arship.

If you break a shoe two miles away
from home the crawl swimming-
stroke will be found a great help.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



HANDICAP OF FINGER SPEECH

Nighthawk Husband Turns Out Elec-
tric Light to Stop Wife's
Curtain Lecture.

Domestic courts as a rule do not grant injunctions against the practices of offending husbands, but once in a while they are asked for. A man and his wife, both deaf mutes, were in court recently in New York. Their earnest digital gyrations and contortions convinced the presiding magistrate that an interpreter was needed, and one was summoned. Through the man spoke first. His principal desire, it appeared, was that anything his wife might say should be largely discounted. He had known her for many years, he spelled out his fingers, and during that period she had rarely been right on any subject.

The wife proved more interesting when it came her turn to testify. She wanted an injunction. Why? And there the interpreter had to do fast receiving to catch all her waggling. "She says that her husband comes home late every night," relayed the interpreter, "and nearly always he is half-stewed. She says that when he gets in the starts to tell him in sign language what she thinks of him, and his late hours, and that he won't even let her talk. That's what she wants an injunction for—against his cruelly in stopping her from hawling him out."

"What does he do?" asked the magis-
trate, "choke her?" "No, your
honor; she says that whenever he gets
tired of listening he reaches up and
turns out the electric light."

TYPHOID GERMS ARE PETTED

Fed With Agar Jelly, Specially Pre-
pared and Very Costly—Millions
of Soldiers Inoculated.

Millions of the allied soldiers in France have been inoculated against typhoid fever since the war began.

In order to prepare the lymph which is used for the purpose of rendering them immune to this deadly disease, perfectly pure cultivations of the typhoid bacillus have to be made.

These are obtained by artificially breeding the microbes in government-controlled laboratories. The deadly germs are kept in little glass tubes, carefully sterilized, and are fed with agar jelly, an exceedingly expensive substance which comes from Japan, where it is prepared from a particular species of seaweed.

Nothing can exceed the care and attention that is lavished on these loathsome little organisms by the scientists in charge of them.

The typhoid microbe is not a very little fellow as microbes go. There are others far smaller. Nevertheless if a pin's head were a hollow capsule it would hold four hundred million typhoid bacilli, a colony of living organisms about equal in point of numbers to the combined population of the United States of America, Russia, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Sell Wood by Pound.

Circassian walnut is sold by the pound or the ton and not by the foot. As early as 116 B. C. it was introduced into Italy from Persia. Russia is the chief source of Circassian walnut. The logs are so heavy that they will not float, and are sold from the forest with their bark on. Only the heart of the wood is used, and it is the crooked, irregular logs that possess the best-figured wood. Even very old trees rarely have a clear length of more than ten feet.

Mushroom, First Plant.

The mushroom in form of a slime fold was the first plant to evolve on earth. The algae plants of the first seas thrust out a fungus on land to draw minerals from the overhanging rocks. On this primitive fungus lichens evolved and the three plants interbred each other, three hundred million years ago and today. Later, true mushrooms evolved, at first with small caps, forming the first food supply for the later arriving living creatures.

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RANSOM.

Thomas Herbert, of Marcus, Iowa, is visiting with relatives here.

Mrs. S. E. Bradish and daughter, Mrs. Clark, left Thursday for Lafayette, Ind., for a few weeks' visit with relatives.

Mary E. Thompson was born at Ransom, Ill., May 14, 1876, and died at her home Nov. 28, 1917, of pneumonia. She was the daughter of Alexander and Margaret Moore. The duration of her illness was about eleven days. She bore her sickness most patiently until the end came at 3:30 Wednesday morning. She was married Sept. 4, 1901, at Ransom, Ill., to James Thompson. Seven children were born of this union: Clarence, Rosie, Margaret, Elma, Wilmer, Elmer and Donald. Besides her husband and children she leaves one brother, William, of Ransom. The funeral service was held at the Ransom M. E. church the pastor, Rev. Alvin Jones delivering the sermon. Burial was at the Allen cemetery. Many friends and acquaintances showed their last respects.

Harvey C. Whetzel, of Peoria, spent the latter part of the week with Mrs. McCole.

Gustave Martok, of Northampton, Minn., and Mrs. Henry Lecke, of Okabe, Minn., visited their sister, Mrs. Henry Katz, last week, returning home Monday.

Miss Mabel Gheber spent a few days in Joliet with Mrs. Alex Johnson.

The Jolly 13 Club gave their first card party at Mrs. John Phelan's home. It was a social success and very nice refreshments were served. The second party was given at Mrs. Wm. Trauson's Tuesday afternoon Dec. 11th. The games were interesting. Mrs. Walter Bosley will entertain the club Tuesday, Dec. 18th.

Lieut. Lewis J. West and sister, Miss Lillian, of Peoria, spent Sunday with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones, of Oak Park, E. G. Willner and T. Cobby, of Peoria, and Miss Lulu Weeks, of Chicago, spent a happy Thanksgiving day at the home of Roy and Mrs. J. Well-

Mrs. Ida Smith returned home on Friday after several months' visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Wilson, and family, at Mankato, Minn. She also visited at Worthington with Aaron Thomson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Steinhart, of Bloomington, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary B. Thomson.

Judge Frank Sadler gave a very interesting lecture at Hagl's hall Saturday evening.

Mrs. Willis Gochanour and son, Charles Schaefer, returned home from St. Louis.

Canaries' Music Lessons.

There are a large number of varieties of the domestic canary. Many of them are bred primarily for their song, and their training makes an interesting story. The aim is to produce males with clear, soft, pleasing songs with long rolls or trills, and no attention is given to other characters, writes a bird raiser. These birds are usually non-descript as to color and appearance. The young birds when fledged are put in rooms with birds noted for their soft and fine song, and here, through imitation, they develop their own vocal accomplishments. Any bird developing harsh notes is removed so that he may not endanger the vocal success of his brothers. It is said that a mechanical instrument known as a "bird organ," which produces liquid trills, is frequently used in training the birds. The musical course for a canary covers about six months' tuition and practice.

Children Cry
FOR HUGO'S
CASTORIA
LIME HYDRE

THEIR METHOD.



"I don't see how the girls stand that fellow; he's all gas."
"They don't; they turn him down."

SECURED AT A COST.



"Is that a pretty fast horse, Uncle George?"
"Yessah, purty fast, thank de Lord! But he to' down de bahn, klick de ol' woman down de well an' kill mah bes' dawg 'fo' an' got im fas'."

WELL QUALIFIED.



Congressman—On what do you base your son's eligibility for a weather bureau position?
Korntossel—His rheumatiz.

WHO?



Sweet Young Thing—What an awful gababout that old Mrs. Walker is? I meet her somewhere down town every day.

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Use for Thinness.
She (noticing individual in front)—
Good gracious! Seeing Mr. Meager re-
minds me I forgot to order the soup
bones from the butcher. — Passing
Show.

Telephone Many Years Ago.
There are not so many new things
under the sun as people suppose. The
telephone has the credit of being an
entire novelty, yet Robert Hooke two
hundred and odd years ago, wrote:
"I have by a distended wire propa-
gated sound to a very considerable dis-
tance in an instant, or with as seem-
ingly quick a motion as that of light;
and this not only in a straight line,
or direct, but in one bended in many
angles."

Here was the invention of the tele-
phone right in hand, so to speak, only
Hooke did not follow up the lead. So
the world had to wait two centuries for
the admirable instrument which saves
so much of humanity's time today.



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quirer) writes: "I was troubled with bron-
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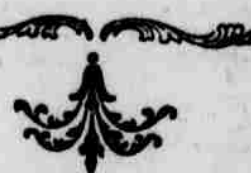
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